

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Douglas P.)
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Serial No.: 10/790,524)
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Filed: March 1, 2004)
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For: Locking Mechanism for a)
Threaded Connection)
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Attorney Docket No.: 06005/39970)
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Group Art Unit: 3679)
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Examiner: Garcia, Ernesto)

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the notice of noncompliant amendment mailed on March 13, 2006, the applicants submit the following corrected sections:

A **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 6.